

117 - OC HOUSING AUTHORITY OPERATING RESERVE

Operational Summary

Agency Description:

To work in partnership with Orange County's diverse communities to preserve and expand affordable housing opportunities, strengthen economic viability and enhance the livability of neighborhoods.

Strategic Goals:

- Increase and preserve affordable housing opportunities, especially for those most in need.

Fiscal Year FY 2001-2002 Key Project Accomplishments:

- In June 2001, H&CD released a \$10 million Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the purpose of funding new affordable rental housing in Orange County. To date, H&CD has received applications for 385 units of new affordable housing.
- With an investment of \$9.3 million, H&CD funded projects will result in \$115 million in public and private funding for the construction of affordable housing in Orange County. Orange County also received more State housing tax credits than any other jurisdiction over the past year.
- The Operating Reserve funds the enhancement payments for the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program. FSS currently has 483 active participants, which exceeds the required participation level of 465 families. Twenty families graduated from the program in 2001 and are now off all public assistance.

O.C. HSE AUTHORITY/OPER RESERV - Operating Reserve funds may be used only for the cost of ongoing administration of Housing and Community Development's (H&CD) current Section 8 rental assistance program or for other housing related purposes consistent with state and local law, including the development of affordable housing as approved by the Board.

At a Glance:

Total FY 2001-2002 Projected Expend + Encumb:	1,345,567
Total Recommended FY 2002-2003 Budget:	7,788,372
Percent of County General Fund:	N/A
Total Employees:	0.00

Budget Summary

Plan for Support of the County's Strategic Priorities:

The County's Strategic Priorities include the continued development of affordable housing opportunities and enhanced support for the County's Continuum of Care for the homeless. In the FY 02/03 budget, H&CD has allocated over \$4 million for the development of affordable housing opportunities and has continued to allocate funding for the Cold Weather Shelter program.

Changes Included in the Recommended Base Budget:

The FY 2002/2003 Budget includes a \$1,638,452 increase to the Reserves for Housing Assistance Payments (HAP). The increase in HAP Reserves is due to the dramatic increase in Section 8 Rental Assistance Vouchers over the past two years. Also included in this budget is the funding for several continuing projects including the Cold Weather Armory Program, planning budgets for the Supportive Housing and Affordable Housing processes, the Family Self Sufficiency payments, and the Housing Supportive Services contracts.

In addition to the reoccurring costs, the FY 2001/2002 Budget includes an additional \$414,770 to offset the costs of the File Room Expansion, Vehicle Replacement Program, and one time non-recurring expenses. The balance of this fund is allocated to Affordable Housing Development.

Proposed Budget and History:

Sources and Uses	FY 2000-2001 Actual	FY 2001-2002 Final Budget	FY 2001-2002 Projected ⁽¹⁾	FY 2002-2003 Recommended	Change from FY 2001-2002 Projected	
					Amount	Percent
Total Revenues	1,265,274	1,404,075	1,171,597	816,548	(355,049)	-3.93
Total Requirements	923,065	8,240,529	1,345,567	7,788,372	6,442,804	478.82
FBA	6,603,220	6,836,454	7,145,793	6,971,824	(173,969)	-2.43

(1) Requirements include prior year encumbrances and expenditures. Therefore, the above totals may not match FY 2001-2002 projected requirements included in "At a Glance" (Which exclude these).

Detailed budget by expense category and by activity is presented for agency: OC Housing Authority-Operating Reserve in the Appendix on page 499.

Highlights of Key Trends:

- Reference Fund 15G, Housing & Community Development's Operating Budget.